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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 03 August 2001 for the above-identified patent application. Kindly extend the time for response three months, up to and including 04 February 2001. A Request for an Extension of Time and the required fee are provided.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 10, 25, 45-46, and 48 and amend claims 1, 16, 18, 41, 43 and 47 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for electrochemical placement of a material at a specific location on a porous substrate, which comprises the steps of:

providing a substrate having at its surface at least one electrode that is proximate to at least one molecule bearing at least one protected chemical functional group,

placing a buffering solution in contact with the electrode and the porous substrate to prevent electrochemically generated reagents from leaving the locality of the electrode, wherein a buffering solution is one having the capacity to prevent pH changes upon addition of small amounts of acids or bases,

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